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Girl friends Vowed to Marry on the Same Day.

CHILDHOOD'S PROMISES KEPT BY THESE TWO BRIDES.

The Fulfillment a Romance of Real Life.



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A remance in real life was realized on July II last, when by marrying within an hour of each other two girls kept the vow they had made to each other as little children. The brides of the occasion were Miss Martha Bussman and Miss Elizabeth Sweeney and the mutual promise which they fulfilled was to the effect that they would be married at the same time or else with one acting as bridesmaid for the

The promise was made when both were school children attending the Webster School, on Eleventh and Clinton streets. They were always greatly attached to each other and were inseparable companions, both having much the same tastes and trend of character. Childlike, they made numerous promises to each other, these for the most part affecting the immediate future, and they took an intense pride in the fulfillment of these promises to the let-

When they were about 12 and 13 years old respectively, it was only natural that their conversation should turn on their ideals in the line of heroes, and from this it was an easy step to the discussion of what requisites each expected in the men of their choice, who should some day become their husbands. The thought of matrimony at that time, however, naturally suggested that, should one get married, the other Miss Bussman, her husband-to-be had not would be left out in the cold, so to speak. and that this would be imcompatible with their plans of eternal friendship and companionship. The pride which they took in the keeping of their promises suggested to

bitterness of separation in later life, when narriage might make separation necessary. This plan was to make a vow that which ever was first engaged should wait until her friend was likewise engaged, and that they should either be married at the same time or with one acting as the bridesmapl for the other. The promise was salemnly sworn to by each, and the sincerity of each Is noticeable from the fact that they kept their word, although circumstances arese n after life which would have made many disregard a promise made when a child

AS AN IRON WORKER

While still at the Webster School, Ellizaboth Sweeney first met the boy who afterwards was to become her husband. He had ome to this country from Germany, his birthplace, and was at that time about 15 years old. He was sent to the Webster School by his relatives and was frequently thrown with Miss Sweeney, although at that time neither had the faintest attraction for the other. Miss Sweeney was of interest her in the stees! German boy, who | ready to take a husband. at that time was still struggling with the yet appeared upon the scene.

each other for some years and, if the truth | pledge. must be told, did not think about each oth- Miss Bussman's assurance that the promise

entered business at the close of his school career and for some years stuck steadily to work, paying little attention to the other eex. As for Miss Sweeney, she was engaged In a more sentimental occupation, for she met at this time a young man who seeme to fill all the requisites she had set down mentally as necessary to a husband, and their courtship progressed while Schaub was working steadily away in the Sligo Iron Company, where he still is. So well did Miss Sweeney and the other young man suit each other that they finally became engaged and the accepted lover was persistent in begging for an early marriage. But

IS FATALLY HURT IN A RUNAWAY

friend to wait until both were engaged held her back and she steadily declined to the vivacious Irish type and found little to | marry until Martha Bussman was likewise Although the latter young lady had ofdifficulties of the English language. As for | fers in the meanwhile, she could not make up her mind whom to wed. She disliked to hold her friend to a promise which was After finishing their course at school, Miss | made so long before, but Miss Sweeney Sweeney and Herman Schaub did not see steadily refused to be released from her

she had fully intended to keep her word when she gave it, and still did so. A few months later a tragedy in which the promise which Elizabeth had made her her from danger occurred. They were driving together and had crossed over the river

MEETS MR SCHAUB AGAIN

work of railroad tracks near East St. Louis, sprang out of the buggy and tun back to | some interest in society again. get it. The horse became restive at an apcrossing about a hundred yards away, and days. He was blought to her home one although Miss Sweeney tried to control him, day by a young lady to whom he was acthe wheeled around, almost upsetting the ingus escert, and their old partial acquaint-Her lover begged her to accept buggy, and galloped back down the road, nince was renewed by an introduction them a means of eliminating much of the er while parted, each having her mind was no longer binding, but she replied that where trains were passing continually time they had met, and as his foreign ac- to be married. When they finally met, it & Co.

meant almost certain death to the occupant | school, of the luggy, and, realizing this, the young | The ren-west acquaintance proved so fellow jumped at the horse's head and managed to stop him, although while doing so he received serious blows from the animal's tween them, and early last spring they this gamed his death a short time later, and he died without realizing his dream of matrimony.

AS A GROCERY CLERK

For a long time Miss Sweeney was incom solable, the scene in which her lover had recolved his hurts constantly recurring to her her suffor lost his life while trying to save inted. As time passed on she became somewhat reconciled to her lors, however, and what her future husband should be. Such although the recollection of the tragely into lilinois. While passing over the ner- which had been partially enacted before her changed her disposition and saddened her their whip dropped and the young man greatly, she nevertheless began to take

Shortly afterwards she met Herman proaching train, which was running on a Schault for the first time since their school for two weeks or thereabouts the young la-A runaway on a moze of railroad tracks School had changed greatly since the last lovers for the setting of a date on which

cent in speaking had entirely vanished he seemed altogether a different person from the glow-talking German boy of the Webstet School. As for Miss Sweeney, the touch of sadness which still lingered in her demeaner proved a great attraction for Schaub, who could not believe that this was the girl who had once made fun of his accept and stiffed expressions while a

agreeable to both that in a few more months a warmer feeling sprang up be hoofs. The internal injuries resulting from agreed to throw in their lots together and July 11, the ceremony being performed at

become man and wife. In the meanwhile Miss Bussman had me William Meyer, a young man then living at No. 202 Pope avenue. In his eyes Miss Hussman possessed all the feminine attractions necessary to a perfect wife, while he filled the mental picture she had drawn of mutual attraction could not go long un expressed, and nearly at the same time that Miss Sweeney and Herman Schaub became engaged, Martha Bussman and William Meyer also agreed to become one,

A singular feature of the affair was that dies had not seen each other, and at first neither knew of the other's engagement In consequence, each had refused to say anything definite to the requests of their

was with the greatest surprise that they learned of their simultaneous engagements and as nothing now stood in the way of matrimony and fulfilling their yow at one and the same time, they set the date for July 11.

A development arose which, strangely enough, neither had thought of in all-the years. This was that, being of different faiths, they could not be married in the some church. They could be married together, however, and it was determined that they should set the hour for their weedings at such a time that they would be wed within an hour of each other.

Accordingly, Miss Bussman became Mrs. Meyer at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of the Bussman house, No. 2822 North Twelfth street. The Reveiend G. Bussman, father of the bride, and paster of the New Jerusalem Church, married the pair, the ceremony being witnessed by Miss Sweeney and her mtended. The party then entered carriages and were driven to the new Cathedral, on Newstead and Maryland avenues, where they were married by Father P. P. O'Reilly. Thus, after keeping a promise through quite a number of years, they finally were

married within the same hour, The young couples are now settled in different quarters of the city, Mr. and Mrs. Schaub keeping house at No. 788 Bayard avenue, while Mr. and Mrs. Meyer live near the father of the bride, at No. 2822 North Twelfth street. Schaub is still connected with the Sligo Iron Works, while Meyer is a salesman for the grocery firm of Ness

RICHARD HARDING DAVIS IN THE TRANSVAAL.



FRANK G. CARPENTER ...IN THE PHILIPPINES. .